

GRAUSTARK

#74

"Spring 1909" (1965A); "Spring 1909" (1965NT)

28 November 1965

1965A

RUSSIANS RETAKE LIVONIA, ENTER FRANCE

ENGLAND: F North Sea-Norwegian Sea;
F Eng-Iri; A Eng-Gas; A Bel-Bur;
F Bel S GERMAN A Kie-Bar; F Liv-
North Atlantic; A Liv-Pru;
F Bot-Liv; A St.P S F Bot-Liv.

FRANCE: F Spa S F Mid; F Mid & F Por
S F Spa.

GERMANY: A Kie-Bar; A Ruh-Mun.

RUSSIA: A Mun-Bar; A Mos-Liv; A Pru S
A Mos-Liv; A Sev-Mos; A Ukr S
A Sev-Mos; A Boh-Mun; A Sil S
F Bar; F Bar S A Pru; A War S
A Mos-Liv.

TURKEY: F North Atlantic-Norwegian Sea;
F Liv-Spa; F Sev-Ang; A Alb-Iri;
A Mar S RUSSIAN A Mun-Bar; A Tyr S
RUSSIAN A Boh-Mun; A Pic & A Tus
hold; F Wes-North Africa; F Tun
S F Wes-North Africa; F Ang-Tyr
(sic).

Underlined moves are not possible. The English army in Livonia is annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 1965.

Players are cautioned to pay close attention to the nomenclature of their moves, to avoid such an error as the above Turkish order "F Ang-Tyr". Since the Aegean Sea does not border on the Tyrrhenian Sea, this move cannot be made. In the past, other instances of this sort of thing have been dealt with liberally by the Gamemaster, under the rule that "a badly written order, which nevertheless can have only one meaning, must be followed". This, I feel, is in keeping with the idea that slips of the pen should not determine how a player fares in the game. But the situation has not improved in recent moves, so players in all GRAUSTARK games are given notice that from now on, the moves they submit will be interpreted absolutely literally.

1965NT

ENGLISH DRIVEN OUT OF BELGIUM

Youngstown University
Diplomacy Club

ENGLAND: F Swe S GERMAN F Den-Bal;
F North Sea-Norway; F Lon-Eng;
F Bal S F Lon-Eng; F Liv-Iri;
A Bel holds.

GERMANY: A Ruh-Mun; A Mun-Sil; A Bar
S A Mun-Sil; A Gal-War; F Den-Bal.

ITALY: A Ven-Tri; A Rom-Ven; F Ion-Tun;
F Alb-Gre.

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FRANCE: F Eng-Bel; A Pic S F Eng-Bel;
A Gas-Bar; A Pic-Ven; F Wes-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Boh-Mun; A Tyr S
A Boh-Mun; F Agr-Tri; A Agr-Hay.

RUSSIA: F Ang-Gre; A St.P-Norway;
F Bot-Spa; A Sil-Bar; A Pru S A
Sil-Bar.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English army in Belgium retreats to Holland, and the German army in Berlin retreats to Kiel. The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 1965.

MISKATONIC, EDENIA (PEP): It has come to the attention of this office that the publication of the true nature of the parallel time dimension has caused confusion as to the state of affairs in various of the time-lines serviced by the Transporter here at Miskatonic. There has been especial confusion about the unfortunate Lohachevski regime in Russia, which has come into existence both in 1965A and 1965NT. While it is true that the reactionary forces have put down the revolution in 1965A, events in 1965NT have proven more fortunate. But the real place to watch is Austria, where it appears that a mutiny in the field armies

will be followed by an Austrian-supremist revolutionary government headed by Baron Münchhausen.

VIENNA: Baron Münchhausen announced the winner of the anti-war cantata contest, which was held, finally, in Vienna. (Everything else happens in Vienna, so why not this?) The title of the song is "The Austrian Rag", and the text will be released as soon as a publisher of waste will accept the piece.

TRYPHENE: Prime Minister Taxis repeated to the press his rejection of Russian claims that he had been appointed Dogcatcher in Chelyabinsk. "The application for that position," he declared with some asperity, "was filed in my name by a certain notorious page named Giglio, alias Djilio, alias Giguellillot, alias Gilles. This Giglio seems impervious to any of the recommendations which I have sent to His Majesty for the youth's punishments."

A reporter asked whether this might be due to the intercession of Princess Aline on Giglio's behalf. Taxis refused to entertain any speculation concerning the private lives of members of the Royal Family. However, it was learned from a Lady-in-Waiting named Mme. Perchique that the Princess and Giglio were indeed well acquainted.

PRESS RELEASES - 1965A

LONDON: King Edward deeply regrets the coming defeat of Turkey by Russia. "By declaring war on England and France, Turkey has lost her last hope of survival. If only Turkey would build armies, she might yet hold back Russia. By the time the fleet gets to the Mid-Atlantic from Smyrna, there will be a Russian army in Ankara."

The Earl of Thompson calmly stated that Turkey would not take an English supply center. "The Turks made a fatal error in choosing to war on England."

BAR HARBOR, MAINE (April 3, 1909, AP): Since the outbreak of the European war, eight years ago, refugees of all countries and parties have been making their way to the United States. This trend increased with the election of President Watson in 1904, until Englishmen, Germans, Frenchmen, and Russians in great numbers added their voices to the anti-war chorus in America.

But today, the first Turks showed up in the exodus from Europe. Eight Turkish sailors, deserters from the Third Fleet, rowed into Bar Harbor today and asked for political asylum. Through an interpreter, they said that they had not seen their homeland in six years, and had been at sea for two.

WASHINGTON (April 17, 1909, AP): The diplomatic colony in Washington is seething with indignation. The ambassadors of the belligerent powers are furious, not only at each other, but also at President Watson and the Farmer-Labor Socialist Peace Party administration.

This feeling was particularly bitter at the British Embassy. This usually spacious building is quite crowded today, owing to the failure of the French and German Ambassadors to keep up the payments on their own Embassies. They have accordingly been moved into the basement of the British Embassy, which is more in keeping with the present status of the French and German governments in Europe.

The Canadian Ambassador has been called home on indefinite leave, probably as a protest by Prime Minister Lennex-Reed against the American policy of welcoming refugees from the Canadian Conscription Act of 1902. Lennex-Reed has publicly called this policy "open and calculated aid, by the American government, to the International Cossack Conspiracy".

Lennex-Reed would find no one at the Russian Embassy to support his statement. Ever since the United States refused to return a number of Siberians who crossed to Alaska rather than go into the armies now storming futilely at the Anglo-German line of defense in Germany, the Russian Empire has been accusing America of being "a silent partner in the attempted conquest of Holy Russia by the grasping plutocrats of Mitchell".

OGDENSBURG, N. Y. (April 29, 1909, AP): Yet another Canadian, fleeing the military draft, arrived in this border town today. But Gaspard de Gaspé proved a ludicrous sight, with his eyebrows and half his hair burned off.

"It was my own fault, really," he told surprised listeners in an English heavily accented with his native French. "A group of us were burning our draft cards in Montreal, and I stood too close to the bonfire."

PRESS RELEASES - 1965L

Lloyd's Intelligence Estimates

SAN MARINO (August 18, 1903 - Direct wire to Brooklyn): See? They haven't caught up with us yet.

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| Analysis Accuracy Factor Scoreboard - Adam Link | 87.49 (corrected score) |
| Susan Calvia | 89.21 (" ") |
| Kimball Kinnison | 88.01 (" ") |

Current analyst, bucking for the Prize Trip to the St. Louis Exposition next year, is Lancelot Biggs.

Fall 1903 European Workup:

Unimpeachable intelligence sources state unequivocally that the largest military successes this year have been scored by the Lone Wolf of Europe.

Von Mackievollen's New Economic Policy for Germany threatens to make a financial ruin of that country, while building Austria to a predominant position in the marts of Europe.

The "Unsinkable Isle" is sunk.

The hand that held the dagger has plunged it into the back of its neighbor, Italy.

Is France to burst through Munich into the Bohemian plains? 1904 will tell the story.

A swinging harem girl is about to turn the Sultan's head back from Belgrade to Ankara.

The new Austro-Hungarian military dictatorship will find it tough going against the German-Russian-Turkish alliance.

As a matter of fact, the Berlin-Baghdad railway is on again.

Will the Italian General Staff be able to arouse its North African troops from the ease and leisure of their camps?

Why has no one noticed the strategic importance of Syria? Look at Clyde.

PRESS RELEASES - 1965Q

BERLIN: The Imperial Government of Germany today announced that ever since the armies of the Republic of France violated the borders of Belgium a state of war has existed between Germany and the French Republic. France, with her unprovoked attack upon Belgium, broke her pledged word to honor the sovereignty of Belgium. And in response to this most heinous disregard of international agreements and honor the people of Germany are duty bound by treaty with Belgium to come to her assistance.

Even as the above declaration rang around the world the armies of Imperial Germany were ordered to mobilize and to march to the borders of Belgium and France. And though the general staff refuses to comment, rumors have it that there's been a major clash of arms near Belfort, France.

STOCKHOLM: "Big Brother" today reminds Admiral Lake of the Scarborough Fleet in Skagstrak that on October 12, 1900 he agreed that Russia gets Sweden and that England gets Norway. "Pull out or our country will join the fleet at Denmark and put you out," he declared.

ATHENS: With much pomp and circumstance today we welcomed our liberators, the Austrians. Emperor Franz Josef was so impressed that he appointed some of our most distinguished citizens to high posts in His Majesty's Provinces of Greece. We pledged eternal loyalty against the Russians and their vassals, the Turks. Admit-

tedly a few of our citizens showed despicable treachery in staging protest rallies where IBM cards were publicly burned. We have taken care of these people. Ours is a government by consensus. - Grand Duke Spiros Preposterous, Imperial Minister of Information

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Both the Gamesmaster and his regular supplier of mimeograph stencils are temporarily out of stock, so as an experimental measure this issue of GRAUSTARK is dittoed. No issue of GRAUSTARK will appear next week; instead the players in 1965L and 1965Q will be informed by air mail post card of the builds and removals in their games. These "Winter" moves will be reprinted in GRAUSTARK #75.

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THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JOHN McCALLUM, "A" Quarters, S. E. S., Ralston, Alberta: I'll be the only person to get -2 points in Reinsel's scoring system, wiped out as both Germany and France in one game. ((This is 1963B, reported in HURITANIA.))...No, you misled me on that Gettysburg-Vicksburg bit. It did strike me but only after the damned thing was in the mail. I am afraid that details of American History are not taught very well in Canadian schools. ((See GRAUSTARK #71. Canadian history is not covered in American schools either. For instance, we don't learn about the Battle of Lundy's Lane.)) If you are going to object to mixing dates in the Civil War what do you have to say to Charles Wells, on the front page of the same issue, who has a Mohammedan regime turning on beer in the streets, and importing Scotch? ((The Koran forbids wine to Moslems, but has nothing to say about beer or Scotch.))...In spite of all, Gran #71 was not only the largest Diplomacy bulletin ever published, it was a very good issue.

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JACK CHALKER, 5111 Liberty Heights Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21207: Your opinion on Viet Nam is the first time I've really agreed with you on a political position. Did you know I can't write in opposition to the policy? The draft director in Maryland said he'd cancel the exemption of anyone who did & draft the "filthy traitors" to teach them "my country, right or wrong" on the front lines. Fascinating. Wish somebody with guts would mention the First Amendment to the Supreme Court. There's the ACLU? ((At 156 6th Ave., New York, N. Y. 10010.))

ANDERS SWENSON, 145 Ponderosa Lane, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94598: I will heartily concede your point about the growth of anti-war feeling in this country, and I join you in applauding it. If everyone else in the world were to convince everyone that they shared these glorious longings for the full life, we could disarm and go home. What these fools don't seem to see is that it looks like somewhere, somebody has failed to convince others of their peaceful intentions, and made it look as if the "legitimate" revolutionaries in Vietnam are being used as a political football by the Chinese government to further aims which we see fit to oppose. Hence the war, and hence my support for our side. ((By "our" I presume you mean the Hell's Angels, who have been beating up peace marchers and are being supported in the resulting criminal litigation by the California Republicans for Conservative Action.)) It seems that I've been re-classified 1A with my draft beard; possibly I must now even practice what I preach.

((It would be fatuous to believe that the present situation in Asia is entirely the fault of the USSR or China. The United States Congress, after all, in an accord with a unanimous demand for the partition of the Soviet Union. This was made some 6 or 7 years ago, and is annually re-affirmed by the President on each anniversary of its passage. Can you imagine the reaction in this country if the Supreme Soviet debated and passed a plan for the partition of the USA?))

ERIC BLANK, P. O. Box 28, Jamaica, N. Y. 11431: You will probably not be too surprised to learn that I strongly object to your replies to John Smythe in "Gran-stark" #71. On first reading I decided to cancel my subscription, but I felt that a response to your remarks would be a better idea. ((Thanks. Aside from you, I have only one other paid subscriber.))

I am glad to see that Smythe rejects the "precedent" of the Nuremberg trials. The Nazi leaders should have been left to the criminal laws of the new German government. When, instead, they were tried by an "international court" under a non-existent law by a non-existent authority, a precedent was set which is giving us a great deal of trouble today. In effect, men were executed for not disobeying the laws of their country. These anti-Viet Nam demonstrators call President Johnson a "war criminal", and obviously plan to someday bring him before a court with no more authority than the Nuremberg tribunal.

((Just what do you mean by an "anti-Viet Nam demonstrator"? It would seem to me that the real "anti-Viet Nam" demonstrators are the people who want the war to go on. What could be more "anti-Viet Nam" than a continuation of the quarter-century of war that has wracked that unhappy country?))

Your remark that "human beings have obligations to the human race which are above any national obligations" is perilously close to treason. No American citizen has a higher loyalty on earth than the loyalty he owes to the United States of America. Neither the optical blindness of your friend Rodriguez nor your own moral blindness should excuse you from the consequences of this disloyalty.

And here is where I would like to take issue with Mr. Smythe's otherwise well-reasoned defense of the American position in Viet Nam. I do not believe that there is a "right to demonstrate" when your country is at war. And don't quibble about the lack of a formal declaration of war; this is as much a war as any other in which America has fought. If the first demonstrators had been promptly sent to prison when they began their activities, we would not now be seeing such disgraceful spectacles as this weekend's attempt to intimidate the government by a "March on Washington".

DEREK NELSON, 409 Timothy St., Newmarket, Ontario: If you check the letter I sent on Rodriguez you'll note you left out one line which somewhat alters its meaning. I said something like: "Don't feel sorry for him, except as an individual unjustly assaulted, etc." The left wing has no monopoly on virtue, though they think they do. Besides, most of the attackers were friendly union men that you so heartily approve of.

((The union men involved in the beating up of anti-war demonstrators in New York were mostly from the International Longshoremen's Association, which recently gained notoriety by attempting to block American wheat shipments to Poland. Rodriguez was attacked in a peace march in Baltimore, not in New York.))

Still somewhat on the same topic, I enjoyed your whole-hearted acceptance of the term "comrade" in its political implications. (I presume Smythe used it as a synonym for "friend", a common enough usage, which has nothing to do with politics. At least that's the way I read it. Ask Smythe?)

As for the 20,000 marchers who broke ranks to beat up two anti-Vietnam demonstrators...all I can say is it must have been crowded getting to them.

I note also your offer of blood to the Viet Cong is paralleled by your refusal to donate blood to the American Red Cross because some southern hospitals label blood by race. It's obvious who's side of the Cold War you are on.

((This labeling is done, not by the hospitals, but by the Red Cross itself. If opposition to it puts me on the other side in the Cold War, that's your problem.))

Generally I'll go along with Smythe, although he has been reading "This Kind of War" by that guy I never can remember and taking it too much to heart (somebody Legismar?). There is a qualitative difference between the card-burners and such opponents of the Vietnam War as Mansfield, Morse and Gruening, and a difference between both these and the usual conscientious objector. The pacifist opposes war on principle, the card burner opposes war in particular, much like the above senators. But

where they accept the existence of a Communist enemy, while disputing the battlefield, the card-burners, those who lay themselves across train tracks, and so, are choosing their war (i. e., fighting Hitler was all right, fighting Mao is not), and the enemy side in a deliberate public manner. They are anti-American, they just don't oppose Vietnam, they oppose the United States. Their community of interests is far greater with their fellow "progressives" in Hanoi and Peking than it is with their fellow American citizens. And if a murdering little Viet Cong terrorist, who enjoys torturing women and performs whole-scale killing of all non-Communist people of ability, is his ideal, then why doesn't he join them. The best solution for the anti-Vietnam war types (my third category only, of course) is for the US Government to pay a one-way fare to Havana or Hanoi for them, in exchange for their citizenship. Both places are supposedly socialist paradises, and they support their existence and the wars launched from both territories. Then let them help their friends, and get the useless parasites out of our hair.

As for the why of fighting the Vietnam war, it's simple. There are no power vacuums in this world, and where one empire lets go the reins, another takes hold. I prefer the USA to China.

You can argue the cost is not worth the holding of Vietnam, or that it is not the proper place to challenge the Chinese, or numerous similar arguments, and I'll accept your position if not agree with it. But to support the Chinese Imperials against the West... is certainly stupidity if not treason. Let them take my above suggestion and join their allies. (How many gave blood to the Germans in WWII? Agghh!)

((A good many Americans gave blood to Germans in World War II. Captains become responsible for the medical treatment of prisoners of war, and I have no doubt that in this manner hundreds of Americans gave blood which wound up in the arteries of Germans.))

Allegiance to the human race? Hitler, Stalin and Genghis Khan were members. ((Riel and Rivard were Canadian citizens, but I doubt that this affects your loyalty to Canada.)) I'm glad to know your friends, but I'll choose mine. And I'll accept the jokers who treat up your buddy as unwilling allies, at least they don't shoot Presidents.

((I confess to being completely mystified by this last remark.))